



# INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST

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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
(Mass Propers available in the Parish Bulletin)

Dear faithful,

On this Second Sunday of Advent, Christ's question to the multitudes concerning St. John the Baptist recalls to our minds the subject of our true hope: "What went you out into the desert to see?" What, really, is the substance of our thoughts and aspirations during Advent, and indeed all our lives? If we find that the desire for the Second Coming of Christ is weak in our souls, hopefully this realization will aid even more effectively our path of penance and amendment of life.

Dom Guéranger reminds us that the Church, during Advent, awaits with ardent tears the arrival of Christ in His first coming. She borrows the fervid expressions of the prophets, to which she joins her own prayers. The longing for the Messiah expressed by the Church is not only a commemoration of the desires of the ancient Jewish people, however.

These longing supplications have a reality and efficacy of their own, an influence in the great act of God's generosity and liberality whereby He gave us His own Son. From all eternity, the prayers of ancient Israel and the prayers of the Church ascended together to the prescient hearing of God. It was after receiving and granting them, that He sent, in the appointed time, that blessed Dew upon the earth, which made it bud forth the Saviour and Redeemer of the human race.

This is the **final Sunday** to sign Christmas cards for **the seminarians**. Your handwritten signature on these cards may seem like a small gesture, but I can assure you it means a lot to these young men to know that you, the faithful, are keeping them in your daily prayers. The cards will be available for signing in Fr. Kozina Hall after the 7 am and 12:30 pm Masses.

The **Men of St. Joseph** will meet this Wednesday, December 13 at 7:15 pm in Fr. Kozina Hall for our monthly meeting, including a delicious catered dinner! We hope to see you there. RSVP to Felipe Vazquez: [MANofStJoseph@gmail.com](mailto:MANofStJoseph@gmail.com) or 510-432-8995.

In keeping with the beloved Advent tradition, His Grace Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone will celebrate an **early morning Rorate Mass** on Wednesday, December 20 at 5:30 am at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption (1111 Gough Street, San Francisco). Please see the notice in Flocknote for more information.

We continue our **Christmas Eve Toy Drive** for the benefit of less fortunate children in Oakland. It is truly a work of Christian charity to bring some Christmas joy to these families during the season of Our Lord's birth. A large open box is available in Fr. Kozina Hall during this month for depositing **new toys**. **Please, no food or old toys**. Thank you for your understanding. Donations must be in by Saturday, December 23. For questions, contact Ben Palacios: [benjaminpalacios1@gmail.com](mailto:benjaminpalacios1@gmail.com) or (510) 388-7207.

St. Margaret Mary Parish will be using Fr. Kozina Hall next Sunday, December 17 after the 12:30 Mass for the Christmas Market. Consequently, there will be a simple reception on the sidewalk. For more information about the Market, please



St. John the Baptist, Jusepe Leonardo, c.1635

see the notice in Flocknote.

There will be a festive reception after the 12:30 Mass this Sunday in honor of **Our Lady of Guadalupe**, Patroness of the Americas, featuring traditional, homemade Mexican dishes. The feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe is this Tuesday, December 12, on which the Proper Mass will be celebrated.

For those who attend the **7 am Mass** – it's the second Sunday of the month. You know what that means! Join us for **coffee and donuts** in Fr. Kozina Hall after Mass.

Wishing you a blessed Sunday,  
Canon Norman

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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Date	Time	Mass of the Day	Celebrant	Intention
Sun. 12/10	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> <i>1st Class / Violet</i>	Canon Norman	Ba Van Dinh †
	12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i>			Diane, Tim & Holden Steinhilber
Mon. 12/11	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	<b>St. Damasus, Pope &amp; Confessor</b> <i>3rd Class / White</i>	Fr. Staal	Joselito Cabral †
Tue. 12/12	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	<b>Our Lady of Guadalupe</b> <i>3rd Class / White</i>	Canon Norman	Joshua & Elizabeth Nascimento
Wed. 12/13	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	<b>St. Lucy, Virgin &amp; Martyr</b> <i>3rd Class / Red</i>	Canon Norman	Canon Luke Zignego
Thurs. 12/14	12:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	<b>Feria/Mass of Second Sunday of Advent</b> <i>3rd Class / Violet</i>	Canon Norman	Souls in Purgatory
Fri. 12/15	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	<b>Feria/Mass of Second Sunday of Advent</b> <i>3rd Class / Violet / Adoration after Mass</i>	Canon Norman	Alexandre Silva
Sat. 12/16	10:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	<b>St. Eusebius, Bishop &amp; Martyr</b> <i>3rd Class / Red / OMPH Devotions after Mass</i>	Canon Norman	Ruben & Olga Herrera
Sun. 12/17	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent (“Gaudete”)</b> <i>1st Class / Rose</i>	Canon Norman	Souls in Purgatory
	12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i>			Monica Roberts

### SACRAMENTS

**Confessions** are heard 30 minutes before each Mass, and also during the Adoration after the 6 pm Mass each Friday.

Please contact Canon Norman if you are in need of or have questions regarding reception of any of the Sacraments.

### CATECHISM CLASSES

Weekly catechism classes online: Please contact Canon Norman to request the Zoom link.

**Youth Class:** Tuesdays at 4:00 pm

**Adult Class:** Saturdays, at 2:30 pm

**Prospective Catholics:** contact Canon for class times

**FLOCKNOTE:** sign up at [ickspoakland.flocknote.com](http://ickspoakland.flocknote.com) or text “ICKSPOakland” to 84576

### PRAYER LISTS \*

#### For the sick:

Thomas Henriksson	Gigi Cunningham	Peter Trong Nguyen
Paulann Dymond	Lianne Claver	Msr. David Link
Steve Farinaro	Marianne Martinez	Angie Gonzalez
Eurydice Buenger	Sylvia Duenas	Catherine Willis
Fil Marquez	Joshua Nascimento	Alan Wong
Rick Pawek	Catherine Duenas	

#### For the repose of the souls of our beloved departed:

Rose Stone	Albert Bocek	Rita Soria Bautista
Bea Benham	Valeria Casillas	Carlos San Miguel
Dario Gonzalez	William M. Williams	Fr. Stan Zak
Nancy Duenas	<b>Canon Fragelli</b>	Ernest Jacob
Louisa Siu	Gabriel Fernandez	Camdan McWright
Mme. Guillemette de Guernon	Count Wolfgang von Waldstein	
Bernadette Moreau	fr. Prokop Jozef Zboron, OCarm	
Thomas Apple		

*Requiescant in pace.*

\***Prayer lists:** If you wish to add a name or revise an entry on the prayer lists, please send an email to [oakland@institute-christ-king.org](mailto:oakland@institute-christ-king.org). A longer list of the Apostolate’s faithful departed is attached to the weekly Flocknote. *Thank you!*

### UPCOMING EVENTS AND LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**December 10**— sign Christmas cards for seminarians in the hall

**December 12**—Our Lady of Guadalupe

**December 13**—Men’s Group Dinner, 7:15pm in Fr. Kozina Hall;

(RSVP Felipe Vazquez: [MANofStJoseph@gmail.com](mailto:MANofStJoseph@gmail.com) or 510-432-8995)

**December 17**—Gaudete Sunday; sidewalk reception after 12:30 Mass

**December 24**—Christmas Vigil (Masses at 7am & 12:30pm, as usual)

**December 25**—Christmas (Midnight Mass at 12am, two Day Masses)

**CALENDARS & CHRISTMAS CARDS** - Institute Christmas cards (\$20) and 2024 liturgical calendars (\$5) on sale after both Masses.

**FLOWER FUND** - Our volunteers provide the lovely flowers that adorn our altar year round. If you would like to support the beautification of our altar by donating to the Flower Fund, please contact Canon Norman

**JOIN THE ALTAR SERVERS CORPS** - Have you or your sons considered joining the ranks of the Altar Servers, and serve in that most noble of capacities – the offering of Divine Worship to the Most Holy Trinity? For details, please contact Canon: [canon.norman@institute-christ-king.org](mailto:canon.norman@institute-christ-king.org)

**JOIN OUR SACRED MUSIC SCHOLA** - The men and women of our Schola study and work hard to bring the beauty of Gregorian Chant and Polyphony to many of our Masses and liturgical ceremonies. Please consider offering your talent to serve the Sacred Liturgy through this apostolate. Please contact Dennison Gallardo: [vivatxtusrex@gmail.com](mailto:vivatxtusrex@gmail.com) for further information.

### "ASK A PRIEST LIVE!" RADIO PROGRAM

Canons from the Institute of Christ the King participate in a new LIVE radio show on The Station of the Cross Catholic Media Network, at 6PM eastern time each weekday. For more information, or to listen to past programs, please visit <https://thestationofthecross.com/askapriest/>

### SUNDAY SERMONS AND BULLETINS

Audio recordings of the Sunday sermons and digital copies of the Sunday bulletin can be found at the following links, respectively:

<https://institute-christ-king.org/oakland-sermons>

<https://institute-christ-king.org/bulletins-oakland>